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opportunity to observe what effect these things were having on the minds of the real prisoners. Of course it was impossible not to inject into his observations his own ideas and feelings about punishment, but for this due allowance must be made.

The result of the experience was to increase the optimism of the author in the reformation of the criminal under conditions conducive to that end—conditions largely lacking in the Auburn system.

It may be observed that Auburn as described is hardly typical of the better class of modern prisons, but there are some that are worse. Changes in prison treatment are rapidly being made for the better and there are few books in the range of prison reform literature better calculated to further this reform. The book is fascinating reading,—the type that one desires to read through before laying it down.

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REEVES, MRS. PEMBER. *Round about a Pound a Week*. Pp. 231. Price, \$1. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1913.

The author of *Round about a Pound a Week* has made an interesting contribution to the rapidly growing number of intensive standard-of-living studies. The five-year investigation on which this book is based was confined to a small district of London, England, and was apparently carefully prosecuted, although the description in the book does not enable the reader to tell exactly what range of accuracy was maintained.

The book includes chapters on the district, the people, housing, furniture, budgets, food, buying, and family menus. This portion of the work deals directly with the standard-of-living problem. The remainder of the chapters, the poor and marriage, mother's days, the children, and the people who are out of work, deal generally with the economic and social problems so frequently met with in any industrial district.

The American reader is particularly impressed by the congested living and the scanty diet of the families described. Although the immigrants who do the low-paid work in the industrial centers of America live, in many cases, under even worse conditions than those surrounding the lives of the people here described, the general tone of American living standards is distinctly higher than that described in this study. International comparisons are always unsatisfactory, yet the minuteness with which many of the details of of London living are set forth allows the student of American standards to generalize to this extent, that the living conditions of those "round about a pound a week" would be generally regarded in the United States as intolerable.

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SEAGER, H. R. *Principles of Economics: Being a Revision of Introduction to Economics*. Pp. xx, 650. Price, \$2.25. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1913.

The present volume is the 4th edition of the author's *Introduction to Economics*, which was first published in 1904. During these ten years signifi-